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SUBJ: PUBLICATION OF EMBASSY LETTER REFUTING USG COMPLICITY IN
PORTUGUESE AFFAIRS

1. DIARIO DE NOTICIAS MARCH 20 EDITION GAVE PROMINENT SPACE TO
AN EMBASSY LETTER, SIGNED BY PAO, REFUTING CHARGES OF USG
IMPLICATION IN MARCH 11 ATTEMPTED COUP AND CORRECTING FALSE
STATEMENTS RE AMBASSADOR'S BACKGROUND AND ALLEGED COMPLICITY
IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. THE ARTICLE SAYS:

2. HEADLINES: STATEMENTS TAKEN FROM FRENCH NEWSPAPER
CONCERNING AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI DENIED IN LISBON. BEGIN QUOTE
WITH REFERENCE TO PUBLICATION OF AN ARTICLE FROM A FRENCH
NEWSPAPER PRINTED IN OUR NEWSPAPER MARCH 13 REFERRING TO THE
PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE ATTEMPTED COUP OF MARCH 11, THE U.S.
EMBASSY HAS SENT US A LETTER SIGNED BY COUNSELOR ROBERT JORDAN
IN WHICH IT CORRECTS WHAT IT CONSIDERS TO BE INACCURACIES
OF A FRENCH PUBLICATION CONCERNING THE AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC
MISSION IN OUR COUNTRY. THE U.S. EMBASSY LETTER SAYS:

(A) THE ARTICLE STATES THAT AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI SPENT
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SOME TIME IN CHILE. THE FACT IS THAT AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI

HAS NEVER BEEN IN CHILE IN HIS LIFE.

(B) THE ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT GENERAL SPINOLA RECEIVED THE GREEN LIGHT IN SEPTEMBER 1974 FROM AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI TO "TRY TO REVERSE THE PORTUGUESE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS." THE TRUTH IS THAT AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI HAS NEVER MET OR COMMUNICATED WITH GENERAL SPINOLA. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WAS NOT INVOLVED IN ANY WAY IN THE MARCH 11 EVENTS.

(C) THE ARTICLE STATES THAT AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI, IS A MEMBER OF THE CIA. AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI IS NOT, AND NEVER HAS BEEN, A MEMBER OF THE CIA. END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT: SMEAR CAMPAIGN AGAINST AMBASSADOR AND USG HAS BEEN CLEVERLY ORGANIZED SINCE MOST DEFAMATORY ARTICLES ARE REPRINTS FROM FRENCH AND GERMAN PUBLICATIONS, NOT LOCALLY INSPIRED, THUS GIVEN LISBON PRESS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY "DON'T BLAME US." LETTERS FROM EMB HAVE BEEN SENT TO OTHER DAILIES AS WELL. AN AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN UPON READING REBUTTAL IN DIARIO DE NOTICIAS PHONED PAO TO OFFER "HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS FOR HAVING SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT. CARLUCCI

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